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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Michael Lax et al.
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

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In reply to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 15 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 21 of this paper and include both 13 attached Replacement Sheets and 13 sheets of Annotated Marked-up Drawings.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including drawing Replacement Sheets and Annotated Marked-up Drawings is attached following page 36 of this paper.